



SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph on page 16, beginning at line 3 with the following new entry:

Next, etching process 400 then proceeds to operation 430 where the substrate surface undergoes an acid-assisted etch as described in co-owned U.S. application number copending U.S. Patent Application No.: [[_____]] 10/627,416 (~~attorney reference 59081-8007.US01~~) entitled "Ultrasonic Assisted Etch Using Corrosive Liquids", which has been incorporated herein by reference. Following the acid-assisted etch operation 430, method 400 then terminates at operation 440.